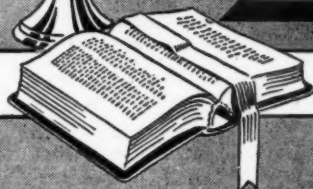


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months, and ten days. She is survived by her husband, five sons, and one daughter.

Sister Reid, a member of the Church of God in Mooresville, N. C., was esteemed very highly as an outstanding church worker and for the high ideals for which she stood. She was widely known throughout the church circles in this section and is greatly missed by all. Her last months on earth were filled with suffering, but she endured it bravely. Her greatest desire was to be at church and in the service of the Lord, seldom missing regular services at her church if she was able at all to attend. The life she lived and the testimony she left surely are inspiring to us.—Her pastor, G. E. Weatherby.

**WILLIS**

Brother W. E. Willis, faithful member of the Church of God at Abilene, Texas, went home to be with Jesus February 4, 1948, at the age of seventy-five years. He had been a member of the Church of God for twenty years, trusting the Lord completely until death. Brother Willis leaves behind a host of relatives and friends, who mourn his departure.—Rev. C. R. Thomison.

**OBITUARIES**

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

**REID**

Mamie Gneely Reid, better known as Mother Reid, of Troutman, N. C., departed this life December 16, 1947, at the age of sixty-nine years, ten

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# THE RISEN CHRIST

REV. H. L. CHESSER, Assistant General Overseer

*"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6.*

The Redeemer of the soul; He hears, He speaks, He sees, He feels, He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, He understands. "He walks with me, and He talks with me," says the poet. "He lives."

On that memorable occasion, when the hearts of the disciples were sad, everything seemed so dark and lonely, hopes were blasted, spirits drooping, discouragement filled the very atmosphere. There was no one to whom they might turn for consolation and comfort in the hour of despair. With hearts bleeding, they strode down the way, with their spices, toward the sepulchre where their Lord had been placed; lamenting, in low, hushed voices, His death; recounting the many deeds and kindnesses of the One who had changed the world for them. They wanted to show their appreciation of Him, but wondered who would roll away the stone that had been placed at the door of the sepulchre. When they reached the place, the stone had been rolled away, and when they entered, the angel said, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." The sepulchre had yielded to a supernatural power that had raised Him from the dead. He lives today.

He was of lowly birth, having as His first cradle a manger, and was attended by the angels, since there was no room in the inn for Him. Joseph and Mary took Him and fled to Egypt to escape the sword of Herod; hence, the decree to kill all male children under two years was nill, as far as He was concerned. While in His youth, He began building. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" was His reply to those who found Him in the Temple asking and answering questions, after they had gone some distance without Him, and returned seeking for Him. He grew to manhood with the conviction, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no

man can work." These irregular verses convey the gist of His life here on earth:

*He made the lame to walk, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear, the blind to see,*

*While He set the mantac free.*

*He fed the hungry, gave the thirsty drink, cast out devils, healed the sick,*

*All the time showing the devil a new trick.*

*He lifted the fallen, forgave all manner of sin;*

*He was a friend to all, no matter what condition they were in.*

*He stilled the passions of men, not knowing defeat,*

*And caused the tempest of waves and wind to lie down at His feet.*

*Into Jerusalem He came, being hailed as King;*

*The Jews rejected His name, as though it were an unkind thing.*

*With His disciples, the Passover He did eat,*

*Instituting the Lord's Supper and washing their feet.*

*His betrayal and death He foretells, While Judas to the angry mob runs and tells.*

*He was brought before rulers and magistrates, While His enemies did mock and agitate.*

*He was condemned to die, But on His prophecy we rely.*

*On Golgotha's bloody brow, I can see Him hanging now;*

*Can He live again? The prophets tell us how.*

The guards fell as dead men, the stone rolled away from the door of the sepulchre, Christ rose from the dead. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." Behold the empty tomb, the testimony of the angels, the linen clothes and the napkin which had been about His head in a separate place.

He appeared to two of them on the way to Emmaus. He appeared to the eleven as they sat at meat. He has risen triumphant over death, hell, and the grave. He can be yours today. He sits at the right hand of the Father to make intercession for us. He is coming again for those who are ready.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" He rose, He lives, He reigns; He is the Victor, the risen Christ. The Father hath said so. The angels acknowledge it. The prophets have assured us. Nature bows to Him. History reassures the fact. The universe in its evidences gives us great consolation in reaffirming the fact of a risen Christ. Rev. 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

## ... FAITH ...

By Duncan Clegg

"Be strong and of a good courage; ... for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," Josh. 1:9.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator and Redeemer of the world. Faith in God makes us understand what God is doing in this world. His desire is for us to love what He loves, want what He wants for us, and work with Him in the great task of overcoming evil, putting good in its place. Faith in God makes it possible for us to really live.

### Faith That Surprises

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,

and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," Gal. 5:1.

We always know what to expect of some of our people. They never rise above or sink below. It is just that same dependable way of living. Many of us are different. We never have much influence or any important decision to make; so, we never show the stuff of which we are made. Then all of a sudden, we face a tremendous problem, and we find a faith that surprises—an active faith, such as will keep us true throughout all the unknown days which lie ahead. These

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# BIBLE GLINTS <sup>and</sup> Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

## The Superiority of Christian Faith

With the results of Christianity before him and in him, the Christian may confidently say to all his foes: "If a lie can do all this, then a lie is better than all your truth; for your truth does not pretend to do it. And if our lie is better in every possible legitimate result than your truth, then your truth is proven to be a lie, and our lie is the truth." Of all short methods with infidelity, this is the shortest.—J. G. Holland.

## Angelo and Raphael

Christianity helped to make Angelo and Raphael by furnishing them with grand themes. As no lips can be eloquent unless they are speaking in the name of a great truth, so no painter can paint unless someone brings him a great subject. Heaven and hell made the poet Dante. Christianity made Beatrice. Paradise made John Milton. The mother of our Lord and the last judgment made Angelo. It is the great theme that makes the orator, the painter, the poet. The great theme lifts up the soul and makes it the revealer of a new world.—Swing.

## Believing Confidence in God's Word

Believing does not come by trying. If a person were to make a statement of something which happened this day, I should not tell him that I would try to believe him. If I believed in the truthfulness of the man who told the incident to me, and who said he saw it, I should accept the statement at once. If I did not think him a true man, I should, of course, disbelieve him; but there would be no trying in the matter. Now, when God declares there is salvation in Christ Jesus, I must either believe Him at once or make Him a liar.—Spurgeon.

## Doing Good a Blessing to Ourselves

If we view the microcosm, the human body, we shall find that the heart does not receive the blood to store it up, but while it pumps it in at one valve, it sends it forth at another. The blood is always circulating everywhere and is stagnant nowhere. The same is true of all the fluids in a healthy body; they are in a constant state of expenditure. If one cell stores for a few moments its peculiar secretion, it only retains it till it is perfectly fitted for its appointed use in the body, for if any cell in the body should begin to store up its secretion, its store would soon become the cause of inveterate disease. Nay, the organ would soon lose the power to secrete at all, if it did not give forth its product. The whole of the human system lives by giving. The eye cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of thee, and will not guide thee," for if it does not perform its watchful office, the whole man will be in the ditch and the eye will be covered with the mire. If the members refuse to contribute to the general stock, the whole body will become poverty-stricken and be given up to the bankruptcy of death. Let us learn, then, from the analogy of nature the great lesson that to get we must

give; that to accumulate, we must scatter; that to make ourselves happy, we must make others happy; and that to get good and become spiritually vigorous, we must do good and seek the spiritual good of others.—Spurgeon.

## The Bible

Give the Bible the place in your families to which it is entitled and then, through the unsearchable riches of Christ, many a household among you may hereafter realize that most blessed consummation, and appear a whole family in heaven.—H. A. Boardman.

Few books can stand three readings, but the Word of God is solid; it will stand a thousand readings, and the man who has gone over it the most frequently and the most carefully is the surest of finding new wonders there.—Hamilton.

Do you know a book which you are willing to put under your head for a pillow when you lie dying? Very well; that is the book you want to study while you are living. There is but one such book in the world.—Joseph Cook.

While the works of once famous skeptics are left to rot on bookshelves, every year sees the Bible translated into some new tongue, acquire a greater influence, and receive a wider circulation.—Guthrie.

In the waters of life, the Divine Scriptures, there are shallows and there are deeps—shallows where the lamb may wade and deeps where the elephant may swim.—Hall.

If God is a reality, and the soul is a reality, and you are an immortal being, what are you doing with your Bible shut?—Herrick Johnson.

There are over two hundred passages in the Old Testament which prophesied about Christ, and every one of them has come true.—Moody.

The Bible is a window in this prison-world through which we may look into eternity.—Timothy Dwight.

## Benevolence Versus Extravagance

The greatest obstacle to charity in the Christian church today is the fact that men expend so much on their table and women so much on their dress, they have nothing left for the work of God and the world's betterment.—Talmage.

## Condensed Comments

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he giveth of his bread to the poor.—Solomon.

We only begin to realize the value of our possessions when we commence to do good to others with them. No earthly investment pays so large an interest as charity.—Joseph Cook.

# ► EDITORIALS...

## OUR TRIUMPHANT KING

*'Tis Easter Day, our Christ Divine  
Has paid the price for thee and thine.  
E'en all the world He died to save;  
He conquered sin, death, and the grave.*

*The women early on that day,  
Found that the stone was rolled away.  
Two men, in shining garments, said,  
"Why seek the living 'midst the dead?"*

*"He is not here for He is risen";  
Behold, the tomb could not imprison  
The Son of Man who first was slain,  
Then on the third day rose again.*

*Our Lord arose! O glorious wonder!  
He burst the bars of death asunder.  
Appearing to the chosen few,  
He told them, "Peace be unto you."*

*He paid our debt on Calvary;  
Now our triumphant King is He.  
Keep Thou our hearts, we now implore;  
We'll love Thee, serve Thee evermore.*

—Florence K. Owens.

## FOR YOUR EASTER CALENDAR

### I Believe

I believe that man has a transient body and an eternal soul.

I believe in the brevity of death, and in the endlessness of life.

I believe that the risen Christ is the visible witness to the sublime truth that the grave has no victory and death no sting.

I believe that immortality becomes a necessity to any man who seriously sets himself to become like Jesus.

I believe that life everlasting flows from the Fatherhood of God as the stream from the spring.

I believe that He whose mercies are new every morning and fresh every evening; who brings into every epoch of my life a new surprise, and makes in every experience a new disclosure of His love; who sweetens gladness with gratitude and sorrow with comfort; who makes every year better than the year preceding, and every new experience an evidence of His skill in gift-giving, has for me a future of glad surprise which I would not forecast if I could.

I believe that death is only pushing aside the portiere and passing from one room to another; that paradise is not a distant country but only the other room.

I believe that the dead possess a more splendid equipment for a larger life of divine service than was possible for men on earth—a life in which I shall in due time join them if I am counted worthy of their fellowship in the life eternal.

I believe in holding daily life under the quiet life of eternity, and in pastoring our thoughts in the amazing love of God.

I believe that life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own.

—Selected.

## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Little five-year-old William stood barefoot, cold, and hungry, on a street in Glasgow, and wondered why no one gave him food, when he had had nothing to eat for a day and a half. At the ripe age of six and a half years, he went to work in a factory, putting the heads on pins for twelve hours a day, and earning a shilling a week. What chance in life had such a poor, starved little creature? When he was seventeen, he heard the Gospel for the first time, believed it, and received the Saviour. He has been in Glory for many years now, but his monument on earth still stands. It is the Orphan Homes of Scotland, at Bridge of Weir, for that little boy was William Quarrier.

Little Mary went to work in a factory when she was eleven, to help supply the needs of her younger brothers and sisters, because her father was a drunkard. She was not big or strong, and, of course, not well educated. How could such a sorrowful and thwarted childhood lead to a useful and blessed womanhood? But a poor old woman warned her to escape the fire which never shall be quenched, and she gave heed and came to the children's Saviour. That little girl was Mary Slessor, who brought so great blessings to Calabar in West Africa.

Little Hudson had all the things which William and Mary lacked—a good Christian father, a happy and prosperous home, plenty of books and food, suitable clothing, a careful training, and above all, much love, but he was without one earthly blessing—good health. He was often too ailing to go to school until he was eleven, and then was absent because of illness much of the time, until the attempt was abandoned. He obtained a post as a bank clerk when he was fifteen, but in two years he had to relinquish it because of persistent inflammation in his eyes. Then he was converted, in answer to the prayers of his mother and sister, through reading a tract concerning the finished work of Christ. But how could such a frail little fellow be of much use in extending the Kingdom of God?

When he was twenty-one, he sailed for China, the only passenger on a cargo boat, to carry God's message of salvation to the millions of that vast land. Before he died of old age, his God had used him to found the China Inland Mission and lead out a thousand other missionaries to open inland China to the Gospel.

"Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" Christians should think scorn of themselves for their faintheartedness, if they allow any handicaps or adverse circumstances to deter them from serving the Lord, who loved them and gave Himself for them.

Imprisonment, poverty, ill-health, sorrow, bereavement, disappointment, suffering, exile, danger, persecution, hope long deferred cannot prevent a saint from doing the will of God. A good prayer is, "Lord, make the best of me that can be made." He will not disregard such a plea.

He gives the very best to those

Who leave the choice to Him.

Here is a prisoner. He is poor, though he has made, and will make, many rich. He has a serious physical handicap. He is full of sorrow, yet always rejoicing. He is never alone, night or day, for he is chained to a jailer all the time. Yet that fettered hand writes words which are still leading

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# The Results of the Resurrection of Christ

By PERDUE STANLEY

**INTRODUCTION:** Christ was not resurrected simply because He died; neither was He resurrected to fulfill prophecy—He was resurrected to set a precedent: "And become the first-fruits of them that slept," (1 Cor. 15: 20).

## 1. He Established His Deity

While conducting His ministry on earth, Christ had proclaimed His deity, His divine rank. God the Father had proclaimed Him to be His Son at the time of His baptism. He came to offer Himself as the King of the Jews, the Messiah of divine nature, and He attested His divinity by the mighty works He did among men.

God is eternal in the absolute sense. Anything that is eternal, in the absolute sense, has always been and always will be. If there ever came a time of cessation of being, it would be definite proof that it was not eternal in its future scope, also not eternal from its beginning. Had Jesus Christ the Son of God, coeternal with Him from the beginning as the Word, not been resurrected from the dead, there would have been no way to establish the eternity of His Being. If the eternity of His Being could not be established, it is only reasonable to conclude that His deity would have been only a claim on His part which was not backed up by positive proof.

When the Jews asked Him for a sign that they might know He was the Christ, He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth," Matt. 12:39, 40.

Before this time, no one had been resurrected from the dead. There were numbers of godly saints who were dead, but they were still in the grave. His resurrection established the fact that He was divine.

## 2. Assumed the Office of High Priest

"The priest was a person divinely appointed to transact with God on man's behalf. He fulfilled his office, first, by sacrifice, and second, by making intercession. In both these respects Christ is priest."\*

The priestly work of Christ is divided into two fields—sacrificial and intercessory—the first being a finished work, and the second a continuous work.

First—This is the work of the atonement. It is evident that the shedding of blood was a condition of remission of sin: "And without shedding of blood is no remission," Heb. 9:22b. The scope of the remission depended on the efficacy of the blood. The priest, on the day of atonement, slew the animal, one without blemish, and took the blood into the holy of holies and there offered it on the altar to

\* Strong: *Systematic Theology*, p. 713.

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## FROM SADNESS TO JOY

The sins of my sad heart were, oh, so many!  
Fear and shame and darkness covered me.

Then the Holy Spirit came  
And He whispered Jesus' name,  
While He pointed to the cross of Calvary.

I heard the great mob crying, "Crucify Him!"  
Horror filled my heart; how could it be!

Then a voice within me said:  
"He is dying in your stead;  
'Twas your sins that nailed Him to the cursed tree."

I fell upon my face and cried in anguish:  
"Saviour, didst thou suffer thus for me?  
Lovely Jesus, I am Thine;  
Nothing of this world is mine.  
Thou hast bought me and Thy servant will  
I be."

My heart is filled with gladness, peace and  
singing;

Sins of mine He cast into the sea.  
Oh, dear lost one, seek His face,  
And receive His saving grace!  
So gladly will thy Saviour welcome thee!

—Paul Brown.

God for the sins of the people. As the blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat, the presence of God was manifested and the people's ill actions toward the testament the past year were forgiven. The efficacy of the blood of animals was such that the performance had to be repeated year after year, and then only acting upon the past actions of the people. At this time the priest would make intercession to God for the people, thereby reconciling man to God.

In the atonement of Christ, He was the priest who slew the sacrifice, in that He offered Himself, and He was the sacrifice which was slain, one not having a spot or blemish. He was the High Priest who entered into the holy of holies of heaven, in a tabernacle not made with hands, His body by the miracle of the virgin birth, and there administered His own blood of His own sacrifice upon the altar of God for the sins of the world. The completeness of this work is shown by the fact that it was done once and for all; it does not need to be repeated and cannot be repeated.

Second—After His ascension, His entrance into the holy of holies to make the final offering for sin, He sat down on the right hand of the Father to intercede for mankind. He sits there today, still making intercession for all who will come to Him. He is at the same time preparing a place for those whom He will receive unto Himself at His second appearing. This work is continuous in that He will not leave the side of the Father until He descends from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, to resurrect and receive those who have believed on His name. At this time His priestly work will be finished.

## 3. Became Living Hope of All Believers

The resurrection of Christ accomplished the astounding paradox—the death of death. In so doing, all dreariness for humanity and all the vanity for Christianity and preaching van-

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# Substitutes

By J. C. VORE

The encyclopedia says "to substitute is to put or use one thing (or person) in the place of another" (as, "if they substitute human errors in the room of divine truth."—J. Butler's "Analogy of Religion," ii:6).

We are truly living in a day of many substitutes, but they can never become an accepted means, article or personage until there is an acute shortage of the real or original thing.

It has been truthfully said that "necessity is the mother of invention." The almost universal use of oleo as a substitute for butter probably would never have been had there been an abundance or enough real butter at a price the public could afford to pay.

The serious shortage of building material and an unprecedented demand or market for it has become the "mother" of many kinds of synthetics and plastics which are being used in the construction of modern homes and seem to answer the purpose to a less or greater degree. The same has been applied to the clothing industry, the manufacture of furniture and almost countless household articles, and it is not at all unreasonable to conclude that perhaps GOD, in all His wisdom and tender mercy toward the human race, may have put it into the mind of some modern genius to devise ways and means of meeting, to at least a marked degree, the various needs of a more modern age. But it would be hard to believe that God ever helped any man to invent, create, or use a substitute for anything with which He has "furnished" His house.

Rom. 1:30 makes mention of men who invented evil things, some of which are brass knucks, gambling devices, and many and varied weapons of warfare.

I believe Satan has a counterfeit or substitute for everything God has in store for His children except a holy life. Three of Satan's most potent and deceptive substitutes for a holy life, are PRIDE, WORLDLY CONFORMITY AND THE LOVE OF MONEY, the last being of such a super wicked nature as to be set apart in a class by itself, and described as

being "the root of all evil." Some have compromised to the extent that they speak of the above as "respectable" sins, as if there were such.

Satan's briefcase is always full, and he has plenty more at his easy command. He would certainly be "loafing on the job" at any time he was not alert for a vacancy in the life of some of us who had become careless, let down on our prayer life, and probably decided we could keep the victory indefinitely on the blessings God poured on us years ago. The most precious moments of my life, and when I found myself closest to God, have been when I was before Him on my knees and rivers of hot tears

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## CHRIST JESUS LIVES

By Roy J. Wilkins

Christ was nailed upon a cross,  
Hanged where all could see;  
Robbers dangled on each side,  
In deep agony.  
Scoffers thought His life would end,  
That He'd preach no more;

And they mocked and laughed at Him,  
Railed upon Him sore.

Others placed Him in the tomb,  
Sadly went away.  
Easter brought a song of cheer,  
**CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY!**

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streamed down my cheeks, all because my whole soul and body vibrated with exultant joy and superb bliss on coming face to face with the "GREAT I AM," your GOD and mine. Praise His holy name forevermore! But, brother, sister, no effort, no reward!

If it was necessary for us, as a convicted sinner, to call on God for forgiveness, it certainly will be needful for us to keep on praying to keep in the center of His will.

I have been told of some church folks who not only carried the old wooden altar outside, but disbanded the prayer meeting and shamefully substituted such perfectly ridiculous things as weighing or measuring

parties, whistling and pie-eating contests, the odor from which could rise only as a stench in the nostrils of Almighty God who has said, "MY HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER."

**SUBSTITUTES ARE FOUND ONLY WHERE THE REAL IS ABSENT.** There are no substitutes for prayer or prayer meetings.

We readily understand that anyone who is guilty of the above fruitless vanities will never become a soul winner for Jesus, but that it not the only way WE, too, might, even unwittingly, give Satan a chance to impose some of his wicked substitutes on us.

In this day of excessive high-living costs, it is a rare and fat chance for the enemy to find our hands so busy providing bread and butter that we, too, have just forgotten to pray as we used to, allowing the "cares of life" to dull our appetite for the hour of prayer. Consequently, we have just reduced the HOUR of prayer to a few short minutes, possibly allowing something else to take up the time that should be spent in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

"Well," says Sister So-and-So, "when we do go to prayer meeting, it is just so short and not spiritual enough to pay us for getting all the children ready and driving as far we have to go through the cold."

Too true! Whether this be the case with individuals or our places of worship, some of which are already guilty, it surely will have the same direful effect, and may GOD help us to see the wisdom of hurrying back to an increase in time for prayer, and the restoration of the good old-fashioned prayer meeting to its rightful place in service and worship to Him who has used it to the salvation of a countless number of souls all down through the ages.

Since our prayer meetings are true and unfailing barometers which reveal the spiritual tide of the church, we certainly could do nothing better than to see to it that the altar fires are kept burning.

**THERE ARE NO SUBSTITUTES FOR PRAYER OR PRAYER MEETINGS.**

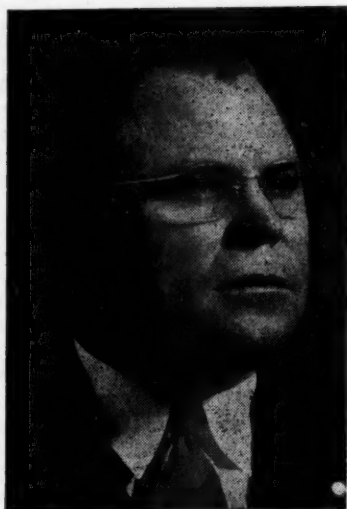
# RESURRECTION

**Text:** "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable," 1 Cor. 15:19. Webster's definition of "Resurrection": The rising again; restoration to life; restoration of strength, vigor, etc.

Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Pastor, Greenville, S. C.

## A Bible Doctrine

Job 19:25-27, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall



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see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

No one ever had any more trouble than he who uttered these words, but though he was in the midst of trouble and trials on every side, and had lost his worldly possessions, his children, and his health, suffering from boils from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head, and in this very dark hour his wife, who should have been his very best and trusted friend, endeavored to get him to curse God and die, he exclaimed, "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Job 2:10. If he cursed God, he was conscious of the fact that he was fastly moving to the grave, and after this would be brought

to the judgment.

Job 14:1-3, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?"

Again, we read in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Realizing all these things, he had a living hope that created faith in his never-dying soul, and he said in the nineteenth chapter of Job, that even after the skin worms had destroyed his body, he would still see God with his own eyes. The thought of his being destroyed by the skin worms *would by no means frighten or destroy his faith in being restored to life again*, even though his flesh should be destroyed.

No doubt, Job felt as David of old when he said, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness," Psalms 17:15.

Yes, after the resurrection! Thank God for the pleasant thought and hope that we shall be like Him.

1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

It is true that, though we are Christians, we shall have troubles as others who are not Christians. 2 Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Matt. 5:45, "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Hallelujah in the highest, in the

world to come everything will be just right. There will be the tree of life and the river of life, and the redeemed and holy of all ages will be there.

Rev. 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be the priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Rev. 21:4, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Never again shall we witness such things as five or six little children standing around an open casket to see their mother for the last time, and hear them say, "Mother dear, how can we ever give you up?" or a devoted wife standing by her husband's grave, saying, "My dear, my dear."

In the face of this we say, Praise God for such promises as Christ made: St. John 14:19, "Because I live, ye shall live also"; St. John 5:28, 29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Plato, one of the wisest of the Greeks, in discussing the probability of a future life, had this to advise: "For men to gather the best opinions on the subject of future life, embark upon them as a raft, and sail perilously through life."

Thanks be to God, we don't have to embark upon our personal opinions as a raft to sail upon, but we have the sure, divine, infallible Word of God to sail upon.

## Reason Justifies Faith in a Resurrection

If there was a time that we did not



exist, and surely there was, and now we do exist, is it not only reasonable to anticipate a resurrection and a life to come? and would not the same power, or being, that brought us into existence the first time, *do the same again?* There is also the grain, that the apostle Paul used so beautifully in connection with the doctrine of the resurrection. 2 Cor. 15:36, "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die." *There is a hidden germ of life in the grain* that no microscope can bring to the eye, no matter how powerful the instrument may be, *yet it is there.* Even in the grain, we can see life more abundantly, inasmuch as we sow only one grain, *but in exchange we reap scores of grains,* and, as Job said, "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not

cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant," Job 14:7-9. Yes, though it is cut down it will sprout again and *the tender branches will not cease.*

In view of these facts, and realizing that he is the crown of all creation, with all of his failures, man is far above all other creatures in many ways, such as intelligence, etc., and will not man's Creator also cause him to live again? Yet, there is also the consciousness of man that *makes us to understand that there will be another life or world after this,* in which we must give an account of our deeds while here. Rom. 2:15, "Their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

Yes, I say to the infidel, agnostic, and atheist, go with me to the hospital, or to the room of dying women and men who possess immortal souls, and hear them cry, when they are not doped beyond consciousness. "Please help me" and "Lord, have mercy" are the words one would likely hear.

One poor man said to me on his deathbed, "Preacher, you see my wife and six children. When I die I shall never see them again, unless I see them in hell." He told me how, thirteen years prior to this time, God, by His Spirit, convicted him of his sins, and he did not yield because he was ashamed to become a Christian. He said he told God to leave him alone, therefore the Spirit of God left him, and then he made the remark, "I am doomed forever." Yet, he expressed himself that he knew God was just, because He had given him ample time to repent.

Gen. 6:3, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

#### The Importance of the Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:13, 14, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

Yes, all is vain if there be no resurrection—our preaching, our Sunday Schools, our mission work—because death would bring everything to an abrupt ending, and there could not be a sadder thought than such an ending. This, however, was the condition of an infidel who had only one son, whom he loved with all his heart. This son became ill. All the aid that could be rendered by medical science was administered unto him. In spite of all this, however, the son died, causing the father to be very much disturbed and brokenhearted. An infidel friend of his tried to offer consolation by saying, "Why worry? Now your son has gone out of existence." The father exclaimed, "But that is not what I want to think. That thought does not comfort me, but rather torments me." He went on to

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## The Easter Message

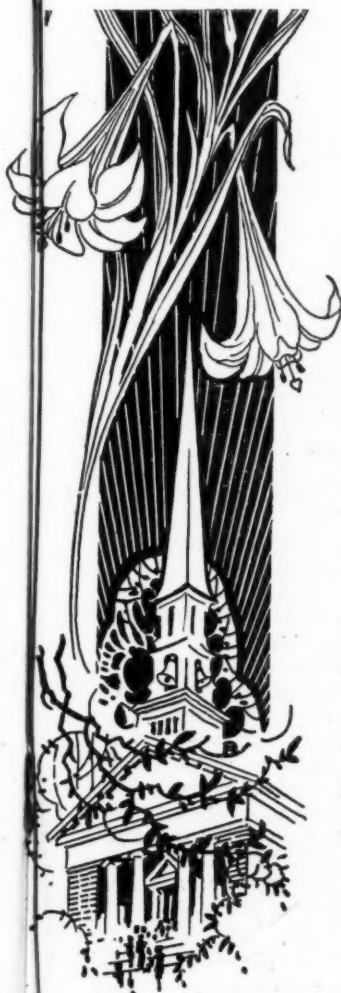
*Our Savior came to life within the tomb,  
Stepped from the spices and the winding sheet.  
His radiant glory drove away the gloom.  
A mighty angel caused the earth to quake;  
Rolled back the heavy stone and sat thereon.  
No move or sound the sleeping guards could wake.*

*The Marys came and stood transfixed with fear.  
The angel thought to comfort them and spoke:  
"You seek the Blessed One? He is not here;  
The Lord of life is not among the dead!  
Haste ye and tell the news to them He loves;  
He has arisen as before He said."*

*The women ran to tell the message sweet:  
That glorious one for which all people long.  
From ages past the mourners still repeat:  
"If a man die, oh shall he live again?"  
Our conquering Jesus seized death's victory  
And filled with ecstasy believing men.*

*Full nineteen hundred years have passed, and more;  
Still Easter joy goes singing on its way.  
It floats o'er sea and land, from shore to shore;  
Echoes from mountain peaks across the plain:  
"All those that love our Lord, Death cannot hold;  
They fall asleep but they shall wake again."*

—Paul Brown.



# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Three thousand dollars is urgently needed now to equip and transport the Rev. and Mrs. George R. Cook and their little girl to the mission fields of South India.

Brother Cook was born in India and lived there until he was twenty-four years of age. He came to America for his furlough some three years ago. His wife, the former Miriam Barrick, was also born of missionary parents in India, and it is, perhaps, more than a coincidence that they met for the first time here in the United States shortly after he returned.

Sister Cook's parents are now in North India, where they are serving under appointment of the Assemblies of God. Brother Cook's parents and also his brother, Paul, and sister, Blossom, are Church of God missionaries in South India.

George is an outstanding Indian linguist. He speaks four Indian dialects fluently and his wife, Miriam, is also well qualified from a standpoint of background and language ability. Both of these young people have definite calls from God. In fact, they find it difficult to wait for their scheduled sailing in the early part of May.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people in behalf of the immediate problem—**funds to finance this project.** Any individual who desires to help may send your contribution direct to the Church of God Foreign Missions Department. The local church of which you are a member will receive credit for your contribution, and the Church of God in the state in which you live will also receive credit. We shall appreciate your cooperation and prayers. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

We realize that this appeal is not in accordance with our regular method of processing missionaries. How-

ever, we must realize that the day is far spent and the night is at hand, and it is apparent that what is to be done for God in foreign lands is to be done speedily. No day has had greater prophetic fulfillment which pointed, should I say, to the immediate coming of Jesus than this day. To parallel great and terrible events which forecast His soon coming, is the last and final call by the Holy Spirit in the lives of consecrated men and women who are willing to dedicate their efforts and lives to the cause of the gospel, though it be in the desert lands of darkened India.

The Cooks have been definitely called and greatly burdened, especially in the last few months, to go to the land of their calling and birth, to continue the spread of the gospel. Brother George Cook has been in my employ over a year, and to say the least, he is an exception; his efficiency is unexcelled. If anyone will suffer a loss by their going to India, it will be this office; but how could we afford to do less, even in the middle of the year? When the Holy Spirit is leading them to this land, I consider it a privilege and glorious opportunity to be able to put forth some effort at least in helping to answer this call.

We have appealed to our people in West Virginia to voluntarily give what they chose to help process the Cooks to this heathen land. The cost will be approximately \$3,000, which includes transportation, equipment, freight, duty and other incidentals in connection with such a voyage. It is gratifying to know that West Virginia has responded since we made the announcement two weeks ago, in the amount of over \$500, and money is still coming in steadily. Our L. W. W. B.'s, Y. P. E.'s, and churches are not making any special drive, but the people of our state know the Cooks and when they heard that they could help, they rallied to the front



George and Miriam Cook and daughter, Peggy

most magnificently.

I think that you who read this article may wish to send a special donation for this cause. If so, send it within the next thirty days. Mail your letter to the Church of God Foreign Missions Department, Cleveland, Tennessee, stipulating that it be used for the Cooks' transportation to India. Write your name and address plainly, because we are asking the Missions Department to turn these addresses over to Brother Cook so that he might send you a folder containing a picture of his family, some pictures of the work in India, and a few interesting facts about that country. Brother Cook wishes, also, to write you a letter after he returns to India, stating how he made the trip and how the work there is progressing. This letter will be a stimulant to your church and its auxiliaries in the missions effort.

It is understood that whatever is sent in to Brother Cook is not to interfere with any state program, as this is merely a voluntary action on the part of those who choose to respond. If you could know the burden which Brother Cook has had of late for this land, you would understand why I am making this appeal.

The Missions Department has been operating on a narrow margin, especially during the months when there were no district or state convention offerings coming in to the missions treasury. This will not allow us to process this family at this time, but we are in a position to guarantee their support and repatriation if they can

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# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of nervous indigestion.—Maggie Sweat, Dillon, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Rosa McManus, Auburn, Miss.

God to heal me of sinus trouble.—A friend.

The healing of my body.—Jess Pilgrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

A lady to be healed of abscessed lungs.—A friend, Lake Alfred, Fla.

My little girl to be healed.—Mable Plunkett, Detroit, Ala.

My complete healing; me to be restored to my calling by the Lord.—A believer.

Several unspoken requests.—Mrs. H. W. Beggerly, Schoolfield, Va.

My husband and little girl to be saved; the healing of my body; an unspoken request; my sister to be saved.—Mrs. Earley Allen, Canon, Ga.

Some special unspoken requests.—A Christian, Bradenton, Fla.

My husband to be healed of heart trouble and his soul saved; my daughter to get work; the healing of my body.—A. Schmidl.

God to save my husband; us to have a Christian home.—A sister, LaFollette, Tenn.

My son to be healed; him and his wife to be saved.—Drucella Marcus, Mt. Airy, Ga.

My husband to be saved; me to be healed.—Buler Nations, Alarka, N. C.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A sister.

My family and me to be saved; my brother to be healed of head trouble.—Jack Young, Youngville, N. C.

My aunt to be healed; the complete healing of my body; several unspoken requests.—Ernestine Lloyd, Amelia, Va.

The complete healing of my body.—Callie Olinger, Dayton, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Pearl Walter, Claysburg, Pa.

My granddaughter to be healed.—Dixie Pate, Pontiac, Mich.

The complete healing of my body; me to have more faith in God.—Claudia Meads, Lake Alfred, Fla.

My nephew to be healed; several unspoken requests.—A sister, Toccoa, Ga.

A dear friend to be saved, who has ulcers of the stomach.—A reader.

God to save my husband from the drink habit; a very urgent request.—A reader.

God to heal me; a sincere and very urgent request.—A reader, Canton, Ohio.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lillian Bryant, Cleveland, Tenn.

Me to receive strength and healing for my body; an unspoken request.—A sister, Big Spring, Texas.

God to save my husband; me to be stronger in the Lord.—Kate Lovill, Bastian, Va.

The healing of my body.—J. W. Waddell, Tunica, Miss.

My unsaved husband; my mother-in-law to be healed of cancer; the healing of my body.—Effie Foreman, Munday, Texas.

The complete healing of my mother and that she will have a clear mind to accept the Word of God; Samuel Varner and son to be delivered from the drink habit; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Louella Emanuel, Atlantic City, N. J.

A lady to be healed of a nervous condition; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Ollie West, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The healing of my body; my loved ones to be saved; an unspoken request.—A sister,

Mayodan, N. C.

God to heal my little boy's leg that he might be able to walk; me and my family.—Mrs. Marvin Elses, Hixson, Tenn.

The healing of my back.—Mattie Carter, Miami, Fla.

The healing of my body; the healing of my brother, mother, and my grandmother who is blind; the healing of Mrs. Mary Sigman.—Lois Bennette, N. C.

My son to be healed of asthma; my husband to be saved; me.—Mrs. Bill Hanshaw, Logan, W. Va.

My daughter to be healed; me to be healed of a bad stomach trouble and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my granddaughter to be healed.—Mrs. D. Passmore, Rock Hill, S. C.

The complete healing of my body; the salvation of my children; Mrs. George Little's baby to be healed; her to be saved.—A sister, Oak Grove, La.

The healing of my body; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Max B. Free, Ranger, Ga.

A boy, who has been giving trouble to his home, to be saved.—A reader.

My daughter to be healed.—Lizzie Alexander, Tallulah, La.

My children to be healed; my husband who is sick; God to heal my mother, who has had paralysis for ten years; the healing of my body.—Inez Allen, Lavonia, Ga.

My husband to be saved; my home.—A sister.

God to save my husband.—Mrs. Truman Clayton, Bainbridge, Ga.

My son that he might not have any more heart attacks; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Beale Jamison, Old Fort, N. C.

The healing of my body; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.

God to heal my father of a very bad head trouble; our revival.—Leila E. Lord, Silver Creek, Miss.

The healing of my body; an aged friend to be healed.—Mrs. Myrtle Rylee, Blytheville, Ark.

A very urgent unspoken request; my children to be saved.—Mrs. May Jackson, Guthrie, Okla.

My daughter, who is suffering with enlarged adenoids and tonsils; God to strengthen my body and bless our home.—Sister Butler, Tullahoma, Tenn.

A special unspoken request; my boys to be saved.—A sister, Miami, Fla.

Our home to be a Christian home; an unspoken request.—A sister, Keyser, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—W. C. Smith, Roy, Ga.

God to heal my granddaughter, who has been sick almost all her life.—Mrs. Jim Pierce, Columbia, Miss.

My husband to be saved; my body.—Mrs. Lillie McCord.

The healing of my body; my shut-in mother; unspoken request.—A sister.

My granddaughter, who is in a serious condition; my husband.—Mrs. Joe Whittey, Fyffe, Ala.

W. E. Roberts to be healed of cancer and other afflictions; God to strengthen Sister Robert's body.—A friend.

The healing of my body; my husband to get full salvation and his memory to be restored; my unsaved children.—A sister.

The healing of my body; my husband to be saved.—A sister, Mountain Rest, S. C.

Vernon Crichfield to be healed of T.B.; Mrs. Delcib Crichfield to be saved.—Myrtle Riddle, Garrison, W. Va.

pass only by fasting and prayer.

A short time ago, we had a special healing service. Several people were healed. One lady was healed of epileptic fits, with which she had been troubled for eighteen years. All things are possible through Christ who strengtheneth us. A sister who had been in a T. B. sanatorium for one and a half years and came out with one lung collapsed, was healed. She testified that when the Lord touched her she could feel her lung opening up, and she began to breathe as before. Many others were healed that night.

During the last healing service, February 8, about fifteen people were anointed. Eight reported definite healing for their bodies. One man, who had been ill with high blood pressure and heart trouble for the past two years, so that he had been in constant pain and not able to work, testified that he was completely healed. A lady whom the doctors had given up, with cancer in the last stage, was healed. Jesus is always ready to work when and where He can find faith. It is our faith which brings the results. When she was anointed, the power of God fell. People all over the church were affected. Isn't it wonderful how God can work!

After prayer for the sick, an altar call was given. Twenty men and women came forward and knelt for prayer. Ten were wonderfully saved, one was sanctified, and many were blessed of God. This has been done only through the mighty power of God in answer to the prayers of the people. Please pray with us that God will help and heal.

If anyone would like for the church at Schoolfield to anoint and pray over a cloth in his behalf, or for a friend, he may send the same, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 453, Schoolfield, Va.—Roy Douglas, pastor.

The greatest battle anyone ever won over himself was won by surrendering all to Christ.

## REPORT

### A Mighty Outpouring

It is gratifying to be able to report the great and mighty things God is doing for us here at the Schoolfield, Virginia, Church of God. Please don't mistake me and think the devil is not working, for he is; but God is always on hand to help. Remember, He said He would be with us always and would not leave us. We give all the credit

to the praying and fasting saints of God here. Some pray several hours a day and some fast. In fact, one sister has fasted for as many as twenty-four days. When people begin to fast and pray on this fashion, God will be moved on His throne and things will begin to happen. If you don't believe, please don't criticize until you have proved it otherwise. Jesus tells us about some things which come to

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# ..REVIVALS..

**DYERSBURG, Tenn.**—We have just had one of the greatest revivals the Dyersburg Church of God has ever had, Rev. C. B. Donahue, of Chattanooga, Tenn., doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way. Thirty-three were saved, twenty-four sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church.

Rev. Donahue was ably assisted by the Goodman Quartet. The singing and preaching were good, and the church was filled most of the nights.

We appreciate God's blessings and the efforts of our pastor and family. The church has had a substantial growth under Brother C. M. Taylor's ministry.—John Austin Gibson.

**CRISFIELD, Md.** — The Church of God at Crisfield has just experienced one of the greatest revivals in its history. The meeting continued four weeks in the worst weather that has been in this section for many years, but it did not hinder the attendance. Although the streets were entirely covered with snow and ice, the church was almost filled every night during the week. The power of God fell like rain. Nineteen were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Rev. E. T. Gregory did the preaching.—W. T. Morefield, pastor.

**PULASKI, Va.**—A recent six weeks' revival has been proclaimed as one of the greatest in the history of the Church of God here. Under the mighty anointing power of the Holy Ghost, there was preaching, singing, and shouting from the pulpit to the door, resulting in the altar being filled every night with about fifty seekers. Approximately fifty have been saved, thirty-six sanctified, thirty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, and forty-three added to the church. The majority of the converts are young people between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five years. The choir now rings with happy praise from about fifty boys and girls of high-school age, who are filled with the Holy Ghost. Such enthusiasm and interest were manifested that many desired to be baptized immediately. Consequently, one Sunday morning, with twelve inches of snow on the

ground and ice in the creek, our good pastor, Rev. V. W. Thomas, baptized twenty-seven in water. One night a lady, after receiving the Baptism, said the Lord told her not to leave until she had united with the church. As a result, about eleven p.m. several came forward for church membership. Our building would not accommodate the crowd, so our pastor knocked out the walls adjacent to the auditorium and two Sunday School rooms. By ordering ten dozen additional chairs, we can now seat approximately seven hundred people. Those conducting our revival series were our esteemed pastor, Rev. V. W. Thomas, Sister Shaw, Sister McKinney, and Rev. Marsh Patterson. The success of this meeting is contributed to the united, cooperative efforts of the entire church, good old-time preaching anointed by the Holy Ghost, and persistent, concentrated work in the altar service. Pray for the continued success of the church at Pulaski.—Mrs. John A. Sanders.

A five weeks' revival was held at Brenton church, in which the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The evangelist for the last three weeks was Rev. A. J. Swift, of Elizabethton, Tennessee. There were forty-nine saved, thirty sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-five added to the church, and twenty-six baptized in water. Brother Swift is a wonderful evangelist, preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He was certainly a blessing to our church, and I am sure he would be to any other church that might be privileged to get him for a revival. We also thank God for our good pastor, Rev. R. Nicely, who is a wonderful man of God and who always works so well with the evangelist and each one in

the church. Pray for us here at Brenton that we may continue to grow and work for God.—Mrs. Clyde Coleman, Jim, W. Va.

**LONG BRANCH, Ga.**—We truly praise God for His great blessings in our new church. We had a homecoming November 30, 1947, with many neighboring churches visiting us. There was a large attendance and the power of God was greatly manifested.

This was followed by a glorious revival, which lasted twelve days. Twelve were saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight united with the church. We thank God for Sister Myrtle Joiner, our pastor, who is a humble saint of God and has the interest of the church at heart. Our attendance is growing rapidly. Pray with us that our new church will continue to be a soul saving station.—Mrs. Minnie Brown.

**PIKEVILLE, Tenn.** — I praise God for the revival He gave us just before Christmas. Brother Charles B. Donahue, the evangelist, did some wonderful preaching. He certainly was a blessing. Five or six were saved and sanctified and came into the church. Pray for the little church at Pikeville.—W. T. Pearson.

**ANADARKO, Okla.**—Our church has just had one of the best revivals I have ever attended. Twenty-three were saved, ten sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. We give God all the praise. Keep praying for Anadarko.—Carl Blythe.

**JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.**—We have just had a five-week revival, with Rev. J. G. Rhymmer as evangelist. God blessed in a great way. Twenty-two were saved, nineteen sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. The church is greatly encouraged and on fire for God.—J. S. Black, Pastor.

## PILLOW TOPS

Made of nylon silk, with silk fringe, on which are the following designs and buildings of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee: 1. The Library Building. 2. "Old Main." 3. Alumni Building and "Old Main." 4. Boys' Dormitory. 5. Lee College campus view of "Old Main" and adjoining buildings. 6. Boys' Home for Orphans. 7. The new "Girls' Home" on Montgomery Avenue. 8. The Statue of Liberty. Made up in beautiful colors. Size, 16 inches. Retail price, \$1.50. Special prices to agents. Write for prices.

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hold out faithful.—Mae McHanev.

## There Is Always Sunshine

Last summer my eyes were giving me so much trouble, I could not see to sew or to read my Bible. I was prayed for several times. I held on to God, saying, "Lord, if you will only heal me I will testify through the Evangel of your great healing power." He healed my eyes, but I was slow to testify of His healing power. I became sick, suffering from the flu. I trusted the Lord. He touched my body but didn't heal me. I had a relapse and was so weak I could hardly be up at all, but one day Jesus healed me. Praise the Lord for His great healing power and for grace and faith to trust Him! The cloud may get dark and heavy, but there is always sunshine on the other side. Each one who reads this please pray for me. I want to be a living testimony for the Lord.—Maude Gray, Lake City, Fla.

## Praise the Lord

ST. LOUIS, Ill.—I praise my dear Savior from the depths of my heart for His goodness to me and my family. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. He has saved two of my children and given them the blessing and has healed me many times. He healed my son of appendicitis, for which I praise Him. I hope this will encourage someone to trust God. He is 'able to take care of His own.—G. B. Tucker.

Dear Readers, I thank each of you for your prayers. The Lord has healed my body and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! May the Lord bless you all is my prayer.—Mrs. R. T. Law.

## Kept Faith

I truly thank God for His healing power. My face and neck had poison ivy on them and were swollen, but I kept faith in the Lord and it didn't hurt me. The Lord has healed in my home so many times, for which I give Him the praise. Pray for my home to continue to be a home of prayer.—Mrs. Lester Johnson.

## Healed of Blood Poisoning

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.**—Praise God for His healing power! I had blood poisoning in my hands, which caused them to swell twice as large as they were and turn black. I couldn't sleep I was suffering so. I sat up in bed and prayed and the Lord healed me at once! The infected skin peeled off my hands, leaving a new, soft skin. I praise God for what He has done for me.—Mae Scrues.

### Healed of High Blood Pressure

PERRY, Fla.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. When I was suffering from high blood pressure, with pains around my heart, I asked God to heal me. The saints prayed for me and I was healed.—Alice Poppell.

## God is Able

**SPRINGVILLE, Ala.**—I promised the Lord if He would heal my baby, I would testify of it. He was real sick, couldn't even keep water on his stomach and it seemed he would strangle to death. After I asked God to heal him, he went to sleep. Continue to pray for his healing. I know God is able, for He has healed me many times.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller.

### His Wonderful Touch

**HAMILTON, Ohio**—I praise God for touching my little girl's body. I prayed for her, losing sight of this old world, and oh, how the dear Lord blessed my soul and touched her body! Dear ones, just believe on God and He will heal you. Pray for me that I'll never turn back.—Mrs. Lee Caskey.

## Jesus Answered Prayer

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—I give Jesus all the praise for answering prayer. It was through love and mercy that He looked down from a throne of grace and heard my plea. I sent a request for prayer to the Evangel. Since then I received a letter from my son, who is in the army in Japan, and he told me he would start home in July. I ask Jesus to watch over him and bring him safely home, if it is His holy will. Please keep praying for him and all my family.—Mrs. Henry Sims.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise the

Lord for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, and for His wonderful divine healing. Pray for me to have a closer, sweeter walk with God.—Melba Rogers.

## God Hears and Answers Prayer

JENA, La.—I thank and praise God for His many blessings to me; I know that every good thing comes from Him. I'm so glad I can say I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. God hears and answers prayer. I don't get to attend service very often, but, thank God, I pray at home. I want to be ready when Jesus comes or calls. I am looking for the soon coming of Jesus; it can't be long. Pray that I will

## Wonderful Healing Power

I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I promised the Lord if He would let my baby live and be all right I would testify to it. He is getting along just fine now, and I do thank God. I thank Him for healing in our home so many times. Pray for me to always live for Jesus and do His will—Mrs. Gladys Trent, Ripley, Tenn.

### Healed of Serious Dog Bite

Several weeks ago I was bothered with a terrible hurting over my eyes and in my forehead, something like sinus, I believe. I fasted and prayed to the Lord, and the hurting finally left me. I believe it was Jesus who healed me, for He is a great Healer as well as a great Saviour and Keeper. I give God all the praise in Jesus' name. Sometime ago I was severely bitten by a dog. The dog just missed one of the large veins in my hand. This was a very serious wound. I was advised to go to the hospital, but I was trying to trust in God to heal me. I asked the Lord to heal it so no one could tell it had been bitten, and, thank God, there is only a faint scar left. I'm writing this for the glory of God, that the world may know what our God can do. He still lives today and is not dead by any means. Pray earnestly for me that I will obey the Lord in every respect of life.—N. Roberts, St. Louis, Mo.

## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

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people to Christ, instructing them, cheering and encouraging them. His life on earth ends with the flash of an executioner's sword. His longing to finish his course with joy is realized, and he is absent from the body to be present with the Lord. Paul's Saviour is our Saviour; Paul's heavenly Father is our heavenly Father; Paul's Guide, the Holy Spirit, is our Guide. Like Paul, we may, if we will, in all things be "more than conquerors through him that loved us." — The Sunday School Times.

## FAITH

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people are very useful and the world needs them badly.

### Faith in the Blackest Days

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31. Let us say with Paul, If God be for us, who can be against us?

### Faith That Does Not Fail

In your hour of testing, whether it be in the hour of temptation, or danger, or death, or sickness, remember Jesus is praying for you—not that you may have no trials, but that your faith fail not. "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not," Luke 22:32. You must have faith to travel the road Jesus traveled. In this land, your road is your life to heaven. Jesus said unto him, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me," John 21:22. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord," Hebrews 12:14.

"Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me," Isaiah 38:12.

## THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

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ished. The hope is voiced by a higher authority than the eyewitness who was living at the time of the resurrection or the penned words of the recording historians. The voice of God, through the apostle Paul, declares Him to have become the first fruits of them that slept. The souls of the captive saints were eagerly waiting to hear the news of their redemption through a sacrifice that could free

them. It is evident that many sacrifices had been offered for them, but none had the potentiality of the sacrifice of the Christ who is risen. The other sacrifices only kept them in a state of waiting; His sacrifice led them forth unto the freedom of God. In this way the death of the believer is changed into sleep, the soul having gone to be with the Lord and the body lying in state until such time as the Lord shall bring them together for the perfect union.

The loftiest Christian hopes have close relation to the lowliest Christian duties; and this great song of triumph portrays the grand finale of a wondrous phenomenon, in that He is become the end of all things.

## TESTIMONIES

### Keep Holding On

I praise God this morning for His goodness and mercy to me and mine. I praise the Lord for healing me. My feet and limbs were so swollen I could not wear my shoes. Large knots came on my ankles and legs. The sole of my feet would be so sore every morning I could hardly bear my weight on them. I had trusted God for twenty-three years, and I knew He could and would heal me. What sleep I got was with my feet propped on a pillow. I promised God if He would heal me, I would testify to it through the Evangel. Today I am fulfilling my promise to the Lord by testifying to my healing. I trust that my testimony will prove a blessing to someone else who is finding it difficult to trust God all the way. Just keep holding on, dear ones, for God knows your every need and He knows your heart. If you want to trust Him and mean to trust Him, He will surely touch your body and give you the victory in His name. I feel so good in my soul this morning, but I have a burden for my family, as well as others, who don't have this wonderful blessing. I don't believe we have long to work, for I believe with all my heart the Lord's soon coming is even at the door. I thank God for saving and filling two of my girls with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the way He is blessing the Houston No. 2 Church. We are in a revival. Please pray that God will bless and many precious souls will be filled with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist is Sister White of Galveston, Texas, and her sister Helen. Sister White is doing some wonderful preaching under the anointing of the

Holy Ghost—Sadie Singleton, Houston, Texas.

### Praise God for Healing

I promised God I would testify to His healing if He would heal me of very severe pains in my stomach and side. After the saints prayed for me several times, the pains all left and I can't praise God enough.—Mrs. Harvey Behrns, Cadillac, Mich.

### Trusted God for Eighteen Years

I praise the Lord for healing. I have trusted God for healing for about eighteen years. Last night I was suffering with my back and the Lord healed me. Pray that I will grow stronger in the will of the Lord.—J. M. Vice, Thomasville, Ala.

### His Blood Cleansed Me

I thank God for deliverance from cigarettes when I was saved. I was such a slave to them, but, thank God for Jesus, for His blood cleansed me from all filth and lust of the flesh. Pray for me and my unsaved husband.—Sister Christine Stanley, Spencer Apt. 104, Toledo 9, Ohio.

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## RESURRECTION

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say that he had rather think he would see his son again some day.

Yes, there is something within us that wants to live on eternally, and that something is our immortal soul. *Only through the hope of the resurrection can this longing be satisfied*, and by having this hope man is greatly governed in conduct, because *without such hope we need not be careful about the things that we do*.

1 Cor. 15:32. "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die." Since there will be a resurrection, as the resurrection of Christ, in our bodies, we need to be careful of the things we do.

### Our Celebration of Easter

What should be our attitude in celebrating Easter? Certainly, it should not be to see if we can dress better than someone else, or to put on a dress parade, because, after all, these things do not add to our spirituality.

1 John 2:15, 16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

In reality, *our attitude toward Easter should be one of thankfulness, praise, and adoration to our great God and the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ*, who, through His suffering, hath begotten us to a lively hope that reaches far beyond this veil of tears, and out into that heavenly country, where we shall put on immortality, and God shall wipe away all our tears. Instead of being crowned with death, we shall then be crowned with a crown of glory that fadeth not away, and a crown of life that shall endure forever.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

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be sent. There is, therefore, nothing to be alarmed about, but an opportunity is being afforded you to help answer the call of the Spirit of God in the lives of this young man, his wife, and little girl, Margaret Virginia (Peggy).

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May the Lord bless each one who has prayed and felt that God would have them answer the call.—Paul H. Walker, Chairman, Foreign Missions Board.

### TESTIMONIES

#### Jesus Grows Dearer

I praise God for heartfelt salvation. I have been a reader of the *Evangel* for four years. The Lord blessed and healed me when the doctors said I would never walk again. The Holy Ghost is sweet to me, and Jesus grows dearer all the time.—Marie Tankersly, Dayton, Ohio.

#### Makes Me Love Everybody

ANDREWS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for good old-time salvation, which makes me love everybody. Christ is a wonderful Savior. I thank Him for saving and sanctifying my soul. He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost a few nights ago. He is a real friend and

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Saviour to me. When God led me to the Church of God, He led me to stay, and I know while I serve Him He will not lead me away. I am glad I have found the way, because He is soon coming again and I want to be ready to meet Him. I do thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. W. E. Church; he is a real man of God and we appreciate him very much. I desire your prayers that I'll stand true and go with Him all the way.—Mrs. Virginia Mixon.

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